

FY 2005 BUDGET AND ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PLAN
FOR TIMUCUAN PRESERVE/FORT CAROLINE
ARE AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

Timucuan Preserve Superintendent Barbara Goodman announced that the park's annual performance plan and documents providing details about the appropriated budget and revenues for FY 2005 are available for public review as required by the "National Parks Omnibus Management Act of 1998." Highlights of the proposed park budget, which has yet to be finalized, include:

\$ 528,290 for Resource Preservation and Management

Work will include rehabilitation to the Kingsley Plantation main house roof, preservation work on the historic tabby slave cabin remains, development of a cultural landscape plan, managing museum artifacts, and compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act and the National Environmental Protection Act. Resource Management Specialists continue to collect data regarding macro-invertebrates and water quality of the Ft. George River, and assess exotic plant species on park lands.

\$ 572,900 to address Visitor Services

This category includes visitor center operations and a variety of education programs which include ranger talks for both public and school groups, special events for black history month, the annual Kingsley Heritage Celebration, local community outreach, exhibit planning and development, website development and maintenance, and park publications. Also included are visitor and resource protection, park safety management, and associated administrative support.

\$ 479,170 for Facility Operations and Maintenance

This category includes buildings, grounds, and trails maintenance, janitorial services, equipment maintenance, and sign repair. Work will be done to repair the access road to the Theodore Roosevelt hiking area.

\$ 252,860 for Park Administration

This category includes work to support partnering initiatives and park planning efforts including the development of planning documents. Administrative services include human resource management, budget and finance, and information technology services.

\$ 516,000 for Construction

This funding is for stabilization work to the Kingsley Plantation main house. The park has already received money for the planning portion of the project and structural work will be done as plans are approved. While this work is part of the parks' overall resource preservation efforts, it is being funded through a construction account.

A copy of the Timucuan Preserve's complete annual performance plan, prepared in accordance with the "Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)" is available by writing to the Superintendent, National Park Service, 13165 Mt. Pleasant Rd., Jacksonville, FL 32225. This is updated as the actual funds are received.

The annual performance plan reflects the work the current management staff plans to accomplish this fiscal year given the current staffing and funding levels.